



VERMICULITE INTERMOUNTAIN

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NO. 1

Recent Accomplishments:

Utah Power and Light removed over 15,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from its property. Institutional controls will be adopted to prevent future property users from being exposed to the remaining asbestos.

EPA has completed the cleanup of the interior of the warehouse and print shop.

EPA continues to negotiate with responsible parties for the cleanup of contaminated property adjacent to the print shop, warehouse and substation.

About the Site

Vermiculite Intermountain site is the location of one of the many businesses across the country that received and processed vermiculite ore from the Libby, Montana mine. Because the Libby ore contained a very dangerous form of asbestos, many of the properties where the ore was processed are now contaminated with asbestos.

This property is located in the heart of Salt Lake City. Today the site is occupied by a large print shop, a Utah

Power and Light substation and a warehouse.

The initial investigation revealed asbestos contamination in soils surrounding the substation and inside the print shop and warehouse. Later, an adjacent property also was found to be contaminated with asbestos.

In 2004 Utah Power and Light cleaned up their property and EPA removed asbestos contamination from the print shop and warehouse.

EPA staff and contractors worked 24 hours a day seven days a week in order to minimize downtime to the business.

The cleanup of asbestos on the adjacent property is delayed until EPA reaches agreement with responsible parties.

Cleanup Approach

Contaminated soil was excavated and disposed of off-site in a permitted landfill. Walls and equipment inside the buildings were extensively cleaned and

then sprayed with an encapsulant to lock down stray asbestos fibers. While most of the contamination was removed, some contamination was left in place at the

Utah Power and Light location. Institutional controls will be necessary to prevent future users of this property from being exposed to asbestos.

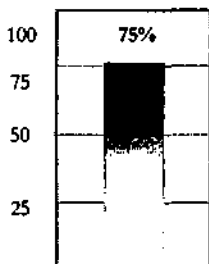
Points of Interest

The vermiculite exfoliation business was built on top of an old power plant and apparently disposed of its asbestos contaminated waste

in the power plant's basement. This complicated the cleanup because asbestos contamination was so deep. It was impractical to exca-

vate around the old power plant's foundation and the high voltage wires at the substation.

Percent of Construction Complete



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